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These are all I have on hand--must be a slow month! The other zines don't have openings....

GAME OPENINGS

The Master Machiavellian, #9, c/o Michael Homeier, 238 N. Bowling Green Way, Los Angeles, CA 90049. Ditto. Has openings in regular dip and variant, Colonia. Game fee is \$1.00 (\$1.50 for Colonia) plus sub. Sub rate is 12/\$2.50.

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Turnabout, #10, Peter Berggren, Davistown Schoolhouse Rd., Orford, NH 03777. Offset. Has opening in Middle Earth V, variant, at Game fee of \$2.00 plus sub. Sub rate is 8/\$2.00. Excellent printing.

Atlantis, #79, Chris Schleicher, 814 East Old Willow Road, Apt. 214, Wheeling, IL 60090. Has an opening in reg. dippy. Game fee is \$7.00. Mimeo. Sub rate is 10/20 10¢ stamps. That reads: 10 issues for 20 10¢ stamps.

Paroxysm, #5. A trio of publishers, send your money to: Harry Drews, P.O. Box 282, Kitchener, Ont. N2G 3X9, but make sure it isn't made out to a U.S. bank (they're Canadians). Ditto. Has openings in in reg. dip. Game fee is \$5 refundable deposit, plus 15¢ per turn plus maintenance of a sub. Sub rate is 10/\$2.00.

Claw & Fang, #50, Don Horton, 16 Jordan Ct., Sacramento, CA 95826. Has openings in reg. dip. Game fee is \$2.00 plus sub. Sub is 12/\$3.00. Mimeo.

Speculum, #16, Dave Kadlecak, 1447 Sierra

STANDBYS

With the new games filling these pages of Impassable issues, I now have established a new pool of standby players. Right now there are 15 in the pool who have asked me to put them there! The system will be this: I will use them in order of first request and then circulate through the list as I come to asking for standbys. For this issue I have need for 3 standbys, but first, let me print the list of those in the pool:

Gemignani, Kelly, Kendter, Swies, Cooper, Callahan, Peluso, Kador, Crowley, McIlvaine, Parks, Fujihara, Zimmermann, Keller. Since I have already just used Kelly, I'm calling upon Gemignani, Kendter and Swies for next issue:

1974HY: Will Gemignani please standby for England?

1975G: Will Swies please standby for England?

1975AF: Will Kendter please standby for Germany?

I will put all standby information on the front page, in fact, a new practice to put all important player information on the first page is now in effect!

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NEXT DEADLINE: Friday, May 23rd, 1975.

NEWS OF THE DIPLOMACY HOBBY

Douglas Beyerlein and Marie Cockrell were married last month in Chicago. They will live at 240 Hawthorne, Apt. F, Palo Alto, CA 94306. Will Mr. & Mrs. Boardman Numbers please forward the number for Novice Game #11?

The issue of copyrighted material in the hobby has hit a new peak. Rod Walker is printing copyrighted material, or at least a lot of it with editorializing has taken the position that copyrighting your material in hobby publications is against the traditions of the Diplomacy hobby. His main target is, however, TDA which makes a practice of copyrighting their material. I wish to note that IDA has also copyrighted two Handbooks which in total means many more articles than TDA has copyrighted!

The point is that more than TDA alone copyright material. The reason these people or IDA or anybody copyright material is up to them. Though this hobby has been founded on amateurism and friendship, the time has come to recognize that the hobby is slowly moving towards professionalism. The point of making money has not yet been reached, but someday that will also come about. To copyright your material is quite legal and there are legal safeguards.

My personal opinion is that if someone wants to copyright their material, fine with me. I probably will never publish it as it will in most cases be too much bother to get permission, but I would ask permission! I prefer that there be no copyrighting in the hobby, but it exists in the outside world and we are unavoidably attached to it whether we like our fantasies more than real life.

Mention is made in Speculum #16 (Dave Kadlecsek) of denouncing the Calhamer Awards. TIDA are apparently going to do their best to "ruin" the Calhamer Awards. To do so, they intend to block vote for special candidates, or whatever. This potential threat to the Calhamer Awards has a special interest to me since I'm the chairman of the currently inactive IDA Committee to Advise on the Awards (fancy title I just looked up). Actually, the awards, or any awards for that fact, do not have meaning unless the participants are serious about them.

It is my personal opinion that the Calhamer Awards should be continued, but basically limited to publisher awards. If publishers are going to sabotage the awards, then they're less likely to sabotage the

awards if they're primarily publisher awards. I think that the publishers know more than the average player since they trade and gm games. To counter-act claims of "elitism" the awards will have to be restricted to publishing awards with others directly related to publishing. Then, the voting will be limited to publishers only. The international community in this hobby is much too large to allow a player-wide vote on any practical basis. Facts of life, I would say, but the committee is not yet finished on its deliberations (once it gets going again--delay due to my lack of time the past two months of overtime work for my company).

Quite a few comments have been made in various hobby zines about the Gemignani Awards. The GAS are an antithesis of the Calhamer Awards--instead of the most outstanding, they are voting for the least outstanding (the worst). Margaret Gemignani, after which these awards were named has written to retract her name, but to no avail. The GAS are a tough joke at best and I will not publish the ballot--anyway, they've been published often enough for most main-stream fans to have gotten one by now.....

To late to print in last issue was a bit of interesting information: I received one of those chain letters along the line of "Think a Prayer" and Bad Luck if you don't, good luck if you don't break the chain. The postmark was from Chicago and the last name on the list was: Gordon W. Anderson.....

The Anderson Protest (to use a dignified title) of IDA's handling of the elections is continuing. I have received a third-hand copy of what Anderson has been printing--it didn't make much sense to me, but I wrote him a reply at his new address. Haven't heard from him yet. As for the controversy, the IDA is in the process of concluding its referendum of the membership on the question.

One of the many services provided by the International Diplomacy Association is the International Subscription Exchange. Edi Birsan and David Johnson handle the U.S. and Britain ends, respectively, of the chain set up to make transfer of money easier. I myself just got a notice of money made available to me for a Handbook order...so it is useful and saves a lot of trouble. For further information or for sending money to subscribe overseas write to: Edi Birsan, Apt. 302, 35-35 75th St., Jackson Hgts., NY 11372.

Robert Lipton (Mixumaxu Gazette) has
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NOVICE GAME #11

MRS. BEYERLEIN, CAN YOU GIVE US A NUMBER?

This begins the 1st game in two months, I think, and it will be the last for quite some time, too. This 11th Novice Game has finally filled out--no doubt the delay was due to the fact that I said I had no openings, but that's the only way to cut off the flow of inquiries! Let us get on with it, shall we? The players are:

Bill Leahy (Italy)
41 Indian Pipe
Painted Post, NY 14870

Ron Stephens (France)
515 Borough Rd.
Tacoma, WA 98403

Dave Dalman (Turkey)
7714 Reed St.
Arvada, CO 80003

Tony Albano (Russia)
284 Wellington St.
Port Colborne, Ontario
Canada L3K 2K3

John Strittmatter (England)
613 Dupont St.
Philadelphia, PA 19128

Gary Leppert (Austria)
3367 McKenzie St.
Memphis, TN 38118

Ted McDonald (Germany)
4711 Tuckerman St.
Riverdale, MD 20840

Preference Chart:

Leahy:	None,	picked	up	Italy
Stephens	<u>F</u>	A	R	G I E T
Dalman	<u>E</u>	<u>T</u>	I	R F A G
Albano	<u>R</u>	<u>T</u>	E	G F I A
Strittmatter	<u>E</u>	F	R	T A G I
Leppert	<u>E</u>	F	T	R A G I
McDonald	<u>E</u>	<u>G</u>	A	F T I R

Unique choices were given to Stephens and Albano. Strittmatter won toss for England. Dalman and McDonald get second choices with Leppert with his fifth. Leahy gets Italy.

Deadlines are usually only 3 weeks apart with effective mail time less than that, but for

the first deadline I give six weeks. This gives all new players plenty of time to negotiate as well as makes the start very interesting.....your deadline is:

SPRING 1901 Orders are due Friday, June 13, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T. (Please note that regular mail arrives here at noon!) Good Luck!

1970BJ, Postponed!

WEDDING AND HONEYMOON IN MOSCOW DELAYS GAME

Doug Beyerlein and Marie Cockrell have been married and Doug requested an extension so that the game wouldn't interfere with his plans....What could I say? Another player has asked that the seasons be separated, okay! So.....

WINTER 1915 Orders and Votes for Draw are due Friday, May 23, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

1972BG, Spring 1915

HEY! WHAT IS GOING ON???

AUSTRIA(Kelly): A Ruh-Mun, A Ber-Kie/a/,
A Sil-Pru, A Boh-Sil, A Vie-Gal, A Bud H,
A Rum-Ukr, A Sev S A Rum-Ukr, F Bul(ec)-
Bla/r/(Rum, OTB)

ENGLAND(Swies): F Spa(sc)-Mid, F Nat-Nwg

ITALY(Hrbek): F Edi-Nwg, F Lvp H, F Iri-Mid,
A Pic-Bel, A Gas-Spa, A Mun-Ber, A Bur
S Rus A Hol-Ruh, A Ven-Tyr, A Pie S A
Ven-Tyr, A Rom-Ven, F Nap-Tyn, A Gre S
F Con-Bul(ec), F Con-Bul(ec), F Bla S
F Con-Bul(ec), F Arm-Sev

RUSSIA(Fish): A Hol-Ruh, F Bel-Nth, A Kie S
Ita A Mun-Ber, A Liv-War, A Mos S A
Liv-War

SUMMER & FALL 1915 Orders are due Friday, May 23, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

1972BW, Autumn & Winter 1915

KELLYRITES TAKE OVER IN COUP! PRES. DEPRISCO ASSASSINATED! FRENCH POPULACE CLAMOR FOR PEACE WHILE NEW GOVERNMENT PROMISES TO FIGHT!

Note: No orders and no phone # for DePrisco which means for the second turn in a row I could not make contact. This means I must replace him with Ron Kelly, #210, 225 Virginia Ave., S.E., Washington, DC 20061.

Autumn 1915: France R A Pie OTB.

Winter 1915:

FRANCE(Kelly): B F Mar

GERMANY(Davies): SP

ITALY(Swies): R F Rom

RUSSIA(Knudsen): Build Refused

TURKEY(Abbott): B F Con

SPRING 1916 Orders are due Friday, May 23, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Winter 1915 Positions:

France: F Bar, F Nwg, F Hel, A Hol, A Ruh, A Bel, A Bur, F Tyn, F Nth, F Mar (10);

Germany: A Swe, A Ber (2); Italy: F Nap, A Tus, F Tun (3); Russia: F Aeg, F StP(nc), F Nwy, F Ska, A Den, F Bal, A Kie, A Tyr, A Vie, A Mun (10); Turkey: A Ven, F Ion, F Gre, A Pie, F Adr, F Apu, A Boh, F Con (8).

1973BU, Spring 1919

ENGLISH FLEET ENTERS MEDITERRANEAN IN FORCE!

Note: GM does not allow any draw proposal to leave anybody out.

Spring 1919:

AUSTRIA(Tonnesen): A Vie S Ita A Boh-Tyr, A Gal-Boh, A Ser-Tri, A Rum-Ukr, A Bud-Gal

ENGLAND(Greenwell): F Bar S A StP, A StP S Ger A Pru-Liv, F Nwg-Nat, F Eng-Iri, F Mid-Wes, F Spa(sc) S F Mid-Wes, F Lyo S F Mid-Wes, A Por S F Spa(sc), A Edi-Lvp

GERMANY(Barents): A War S Eng A StP-Mos/nso/, A Ber-Mun, A Pru-Liv, F Bre-Mid, F Pic-Eng, A Mar-Pie, A Bur S A Ber-Mun, A Mun-Tyr, A Sil S A War

ITALY(Hulland): A Tyr-Ven, A Boh-Tyr, A Pie S A Boh-Tyr, F Iri-Wal, F Naf-Mid

RUSSIA(Hendry): A Sev S A Mos, A Mos S Tur A Ukr-War

TURKEY(Blank): F Wes-Tyn, F Ion S F Wes-Tyn, F Bla H, A Ukr-War

FALL 1919 Orders are due Friday, May 23, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

1973Ddl, Autumn & Winter 1024

WHAT? NOT A SINGLE, SOLITARY LOUSY A/F???????

COA: Bob Fanelli, 230 E. Willow Grove Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118.

Error: Orkney ordered F Mid S A Tua, but support was cut anyhow.

Autumn 1024: Kymru R A Kil-Off; Munster NMR, GM R F Wex-OTB. Anyone with SSIII map/rules

can standby for this spot! Bob, how about your new telephone number?

Winter 1024:

KYMRU(Gemignani): D A Dyf

LEINSTER(Fujihara): SP

MUNSTER(Fanelli): Lost 1 due to NMR, will be 1 short for 1025

ORKNEY(Keller): D F Mid (only had 1 to remove)

SCOTLAND(Tonnesen): B F Dun, F Lis(nc), B A Lot

SPRING 1025 Orders are due Friday, May 23, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Winter 1024 Positions:

Kymru: A Off (1); Leinster: A Kil, F DrB, A Mea, A Lei (4); Munster: F GaB, A Tua, F TrB, A Bar (4); Orkney: A Ern, F CaB, A Ros, F Arm, F Don, F IAt, F NAT, F Mid (8); Scotland: A Ang, A Wes, F NSG, F Law, F Dub, F SIS, F Iri, A Mon, A Car, A Bue, F NIS, F Heb, A Cai, A Dal, F Dun, F Lis(nc), A Lot (17)

Press--

Kymru: The arrival of Dr. Freudan Slip has been announced in Stonehenge. After a brief interview with the Great Stoned Stone, the Dr. left for Vienna in disguise. "The Fruitcake tried to hit with rock," said the doctor, "He is croaked, what a nut!" It has been announced that a great building was erected in Stonehenge and machinery and people pulled for the ruins of the former Chatterry Clopper building (sic). The building has large top with large hole in it and out it issues newspaper and rock music and loud speaker (sic). The louder speaker keeps saying, "Stoney is croacked (sic), the doctor said, "He is after the witch who is his mother in law because it is rumored Mrs. Stone was the former virgin sacrifice. Heh, heh come up and get me, you big rock pile. And the same to Impassable, heh, hch. The priests just stood around skaky (sic) their heads, they do not know any Impassable.

STONEHENGE: The Great Stone was seen today preparing for a rite of powerful magic. Words mentioning the "Great Impassable, God of all gods" and other such things were heard by the Priests. The mortals ran away fearing for the worst. But, the Great Stone just turned back and continued on his rites.....

THE 1974 IDA DIPLOMACY HANDBOOK IS STILL AVAILABLE AT \$3.00 to non-members and \$2.00 for members. Send check to John Boyer! Mailed 3rd class in protective envelope. Big 80 pages of material and entertainment! Hurry!

1974HY, Summer & Fall 1902

COA: Bob Fanelli, 230 E. Willow Grove, Ave,
Philadelphia, PA 19118.

Summer 1902: France R A Bel-Pic

Fall 1902:

AUSTRIA(Callahan): A Vie-Tri, A Bud S A Vie-
Tri, A Bul H, F Gre S A Bul H

ENGLAND(Harsney): NMR. F Nwg H, A Edi H,
F Nth/r/(Yor, Hel, OTB)

FRANCE(McLendon): A Pic-Bel/r/(Par, Bre, OTB),
F Eng S A Pic-Bel, F Lon-Nth, F Spa(sc)-
Por, A Gas-Mar, A Par-Bur

GERMANY(Fanelli): F Hol S F Den-Nth, F Den-
Nth, A Bur-Pic, A Bel S A Bur-Pic, A Ruh
S A Bel

ITALY(Kendter): A Tri H, F Adr S A Tri, F
Ion C A Tun-Alb, A Tun-Alb

RUSSIA(Gallagher): F Nwy H, F Swe-Ska, A Fin
-Swe, F Rum-Sev, A Ukr-Sev, A Gal-Bud

TURKEY(J. Cooper): F Eas-Aeg, F Bla S A Con-
Bul, A Con-Bul

AUTUMN & WINTER Orders are due Friday, May
23, 1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

Fall 1902 Supply Center Chart:

Austria: Vie, Bud, ~~Tri~~, Ser, Gre, Bul (5)
Can't build, no open home centers

England: Edi, Lvp, ~~Nwy~~ (2) R1

France: Hom, Spa, Lon, ~~Bel~~, Por (6) SP

Germany: Hom, Hol, Den, Bel (6) B1

Italy: Hom, Tun, Tri (5) B1

Russia: Hom, ~~Vie~~, Swe, Nwy, Rum (7) B1

Turkey: Hom, ~~Bul~~ (3) SP, Lost 1

Press--

Constantinople: What we have here is a fail-
ure to communicate.....

1975G, Spring 1902

RUSSIA, GERMANY AND AUSTRIA ALL MAKE GAINS!

AUSTRIA(Hinmon): A Vie-Tri, F Tri-Alb, A
Ser-Bul, F Gre S A Ser-Bul, A Bud S
Rus A Gal-Rum

ENGLAND(T. Cooper): NMR. F Nwy H/r/(Nwg,
OTB), F Nth H, F Edi H, A Lon H

FRANCE(Kirk): A Por-Spa, A Par-Gas, F Bre-
Mid, A Bel-Lon/r/(Pic, OTB), F Eng C A
Bel-Lon

GERMANY(Amer): A Hol-Bel, A Ruh S A Mun-Bur,
A Mun-Bur, F Kie-Hel, F Den S F Kie-Hel

ITALY(Young): A Ven H, A Tun H, F Ion-Eas,
F Nap-Ion

RUSSIA(Sabo): F Rum-Bla, F Sev S F Rum-Bla
A Gal-Rum, A Fin-Nwy, F StP(nc) S A

Fin-Nwy, F Swe S A Fin-Nwy
TURKEY(Kendter, Jr.): A Bul-Rum/a/, A Con-
Bul, F Bla S A Bul-Rum/r/(Arm, Ank, OTB),
F Smy-Eas

SUMMER & FALL 1902 are due Friday, May 23,
1975 at noon, E.D.S.T.

1975T, Winter 1901

RUSSIANS GET BREATHER FROM ATTACKING ALLIES

AUSTRIA(Mahler): B A Bud, A Vie, A Tri

ENGLAND(Drews): B F Edi

FRANCE(Lawson): B A Par, A Mar

GERMANY(Warden): B A Ber

ITALY(Kutta): B F Nap

RUSSIA(Lakofka): SP

TURKEY(Hulland): B F Smy

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Winter 1901 Positions:

Austria: A Ser, A Rum, F Gre, A Bud, A Vie,
A Tri (6); England: A Nwy, F Nwg, F Hol, F
Edi (4); France: F Spa(sc), A Bel, A Ruh,
A Par, A Mar (5); Germany: A Mun, A Kie, F
Den, A Ber (4); Italy: A Tun, F Ion, A Apu,
F Nap (4); Russia: A Mos, F Sev, A War, F Bot
(4); Turkey: A Arm, A Bul, F Bla, F Smy (4).

Press--

Boyerski--The Night Stalker, Chapter 2:

Chicago, 6:21 a.m., April 11, 1975.....

Edi BirSauron knew nothing of William
Leomund, his life some 950 years before in
Ehrewon. Att that he knew was that he was
late in finishing his mail route and that he
had to hurry. Edi had been distributing
mail bags to route boxes for 7½ years and
he knew his Newtown route by heart. Today
would be the day of his last delivery, he
could rest--forever.

BirSauron made his last stop at the
corner of Buckingham and Broadway, just as
the morning traffic was becoming heavy. He
pulled his truck in behind Fred & Sue's
Diner and opened the back door to cross
through the kitchen as he had done many times
before. The door opened to a darkened room
void of activity, Fred or Sue. Edi crossed
into the outer cafeteria to find it similarly
stripped of life. He should have left,
then and there, but curiosity gnawed at him.
He went to the back stairs and went up them
to Fred's apartment. Without knocking he
entered the tiny cubicle to find a large bed

in which a lone figure lay asleep. "Fred! What happened? Fred!?" He shook the quiet figure. It did not move. Edi raised the shade and drew back the heavy curtains. The bright sunlight blinded him a moment. As he turned to look back at the bed he said his last words on this earth, "Fred, why have youOh my God!"

Ehrewon--May 13, 1024.....

Squire William Leomund turned the last bend in the road leading to the citidel that was Ehrewon of Powderkag. The morning sun shown upon the crest of the Lord Perambulator at some 200 feet above the ground on the highest pinnacle on the magnificent castle that dwarfed even Camelot in its splendor. It's splendor would end, as all things must end, but Leomund did not think that this was the morning of its doom.....

--to be continued.

The Return of the King and the Downfall of BirSauron (Chapter 13):

Arn's reply to Gene's query about Sarumora, is cut off by Howard's shouts of child-like joy at emerging into the cave. Never before has Howard-Mail-Baggins seen so many unusual inventions to investigate; both walls of the cave were lined with them as far as the eye can see. The Hobbit's inquisitive gaze spots a mysterious insignia, a triangular arrangement of ten dots (which would immediately remind any of us of bowling), stamped on each invention.

Gene of the Lying Brook stops things from getting out of hand, "Howard, you can play with those toys later. I'm sure Arn would even give you a guided tour, but after we've delt with more important matters. Arn what have you heard of Sarumora?"

"It's funny you should ask, Gene. I've been disturbed ever since the last meeting of the White Council. There Rocky (Sarumora) let slip a casual remark which reminded me of the one whose name we do not speak (BirSauron), 'An alliance is a mezn to destroy an enemy and weaken a friend'. I fear that treason, ever our enemy's ally, has reared its head again. If my worst fears prove true, it may already be too late to come to the aid of those stalwart enemies of the evil one (BirSauron), the Riders of Rohan and their King Lenoden (affectionately called Lenny the Lizard)."

Gene enthusiastically suggests, "Then let's all set out for Rohan at once!"

To which Howard whines, "But what about my tour of the cave?"

Impassable: Who's Boyerski? Bowling? Tune in next issue for more exciting reading!

1975AF, Winter 1901

PEACE TO BE HAD IN EUROPE, OR MORE, MORE WAR?

AUSTRIA(Johnson): SP
ENGLAND(Carson): B F Lon
FRANCE(Carlton): B F Bre, A Par
GERMANY(Eddy): NMR. GM called but no response.
ITALY(Bettencourt): B F Nap
RUSSIA(Goldston): B F StP(nc), A Mos, A War
TURKEY(Morphy): B A Con, A Smy

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Austria: A Bud, F Tri, A Ser; England: A Nwy, F Nwg, F Nth, F Lon; France: F Por, A Bel, A Spa, F Bre, A Par; Germany: F Den, A Kie, A Ruh; Italy: F Tun, A Ven, A Tyr, F Nap; Russia: A Vie, A Rum, F Sev, F Swe, F StP(nc), A Mos, A War; Turkey: F Ank, A Bul, A Gre, A Con, A Smy

Press--

Rome(AP): Reports from the home office of New England Life. "Taka Ur Cash was surprised to find that Count Otto Tyrol collected on Franz Joseph policies. After selling his last policies to the Count, he left for Switzerland to have talks with Prime Minister Adolph Julius Alexander. In the world of sports, the camel chip contest was held in Belgium. However, the contestants didn't know who would ref the contest. Due to the mixed up moves the contest was again called off...."

NEWS OF THE HOBBY, CONT.

copies left of the series, The Publisher, that appeared in his zine. For the whole series, you pay only 50¢. It is a funny, New Yorker-type satirical play. Not for the easily bruised egos. (How's that for a plug, Robert? Should I say you're not publishing?) All rumors that Robert Lipton has stopped publishing is, unfortunately, totally false. If you want to read about Duh New York Mafia Protective Association and other such famous New York organizations, sub to his Mixumaxu Gazette. Sub is 8/\$2.00. His address is.... wait until I find it....ah, here it is, (editor blows dust off the magnetic tape...) Robert Bryan Lipton, Box 360, Lafayette College, Easton, PA 18042. Be sure you get the right "box" since you wouldn't want the wrong vampire! (I've got onions all around...)

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Read in Erehwon #86 that Rod will be publishing my brief article on Stalemates, rather, the low opinion I have for stalemates. To me, a good player should be able to avoid stalemates and if you know what it takes to make a stalemate then you can easily avoid getting into one! If you want to win, that's one thing you'll have to avoid....if you care to read my trivial statements, sub to Erehwon is 6/\$1.00. Send your money to: Rod Walker, "Alcala", 1273 Crest Dr., Encinitas, CA 92024. Ask him for #87.

Ever hear of W.G.A.? If you don't live fairly close to Washington, DC, you won't have to know, but if you do....Washington Gamers Association is always looking for new members. They are holding monthly meetings! For more information, contact Dan Gallagher, 6425 King Louis Dr., Alexandria, VA 22312, or Robert Blau, 604 Crestwood Dr., Alexandria, VA 2302.

The new feature in Impassable, the series of brief discussions on whatever strikes Frank's mind, Frankly Speaking.... is being written by Francis McIlvaine. I ask that the readers submit their comments, if they should have any, to Frank at his address: Francis McIlvaine, 144 Sackett Rd., Apt. 6, Avon, NY 14414. DO NOT SEND YOUR COMMENTS TO ME! Of course, if you're writing a whole article length rebuttal or whatever, then you can write and send it to me, but send Frank a copy, okay?

It would seem that the science fiction series, Solitary Confinement, will come to an end since its previously anonymous author, John DePrisco has missed two turns in a row in his dippy game and has been replaced by me. If I hear from him, maybe it can be got going again, but I doubt it. A disappointment! However, you dear readers are lucky to have me still around to write my dull story, Dippyworld (didn't you know that it was I?). I always keep forgetting to put my name below it. Oh well...

I have been thinking for some time of purchasing a thermofax machine. (I'm always a nut for gadgets...) This machine would enable me to "burn" a copy of almost anything already printed, drawn or typed right onto a stencil. How well it would work I have yet to find out. The price? Gulp, \$1,000 plus. Anybody have a used machine?

Upcoming articles and features include a variant by Lew Pulsipher (Middle Earth VIII), more on Lew's NADPP #1, Dippyworld, and I'm trying to think of a subject to write on.....

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Chapter Seven: A Visitor At the Hold.....

The dark haired, tall-muscular body, with the commanding air of leadership and of an aristocratic face topped off with a distinguished nose represented a man who many respected. This man was the Master of this Hold....the Hold the most famous of them all. He walked the halls back and forth in front of the imposing door which led to the bedchamber. His shadow being cast upon the flagstone floor every time he passed the open window. The open window opened to the courtyard--a courtyard filled with the splendors of late summer, of green grass, rich beds of flowers. He stopped to look out the window and noted that it was about 7 in the morning, the sun just above the distant hills which could be seen above the other side of the courtyard and its walls. He thought, "It should be over by now! Why is it taking so long?" His nervous thoughts were not unusual to men in his position. He paused in his thoughts and heard the quick steps of another man hurrying up the long hall towards him. The visitor was another tall man, dressed in a heavy, coarse material, brownish in color, but it was a deceiving art which Walt knew of and was not fooled by. This visitor was an old friend for it was none other than Saramora of New York. Walt was happy to see him, even though he himself was anxious, but he was his gracious host's best...

"What am I confronted by? Should I be seeing the real Saramora?" asked Walt. "I trust you were able to find the Hold with much trouble?" Walt was pleased that his old friend was at last able to make his way to Lebanon. Ever since his friend had left to return to New York after the convention in Chicago, he had waited long to hear from him. New York was a center of much power and of secret arts obscure to many and mysterious to all others. From New York Walt was hoping for help in the fight against the evil forces coming from the Bad Lands. But, New Yorkers were not all like Saramora--most were not to be trusted completely.

"News, Walt! Good news I have brought to your Hold! But first, I must rest! It has been a long ride through the night. I am, as you can see, dirty and very much tired. The roads from New York to here are both long and weary, my friend." Saramora accosted his friend. Few were they who like Saramora and Walt were able to win the games with such regularity and ease as these two masters.

"Of course, you shall receive our best.

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FRANKLY SPEAKING . . . by Francis McIlvaine

THE HONEST REVIEW

Advertising makes or breaks many services and products. In Diplomacy there are two primary ways to advertise, through direct mail samples or through referrals also known as 'plugs'. Direct mail is a very nice way to let someone see your product but it is very expensive. New zines typically direct mail a few issues out to friends or people that they have addresses from mailing lists of one sort or another. This is a generally expensive way of doing business. In the Diplomacy zine business profit margins are almost non-existent. Sending out a lot of samples is not a very productive way to get subscribers, some people will not want your zine because they don't want to enter another game, some because they don't like your format, some because they are broke, etc. A much better way for this direct mail system to work is to have someone write to you (enclosing a stamp or two) and ask for a sample. This way you know the person has at the very least marginal interest in getting your zine, the free sample then becomes a good investment, and even better the person making the request has sent the stamp for the zine thereby eliminating your marginal cost for the issue. I assume that you have printed a few extras so the cost of giving one of those extras away is only the cost of the stamp.

With that type of system you must be mentioned by some people to attract the attention of those looking for games. This also is a very good way of a gamesmaster with no openings of providing his readers with a service, a game opening section. Plugs are usually very short descriptions of the zine and usually are more concerned with rates than with content. There is also an 'Honest Review'. An Honest review is one that knocks the zine to be reviewed. This, by contrast, assumes that good reviews are dishonest, a connotation that I object to. Oh, I'll admit that I have seen 'Honest reviews' that didn't knock anyone but the usual connotation is one of knocking.

I am not saying that a gamesmaster should favorably review a magazine he doesn't like, not at all. There are a few ways that this can be handled. If an editor gets a zine he feels is less than adequate he can simply not review it. Even if the first issue is bad, that is no reason to assume that the person editing it will not get better with experience. Anyway, giving an Honest Review to a new zine is fairly rare as they are reserved for the big zines. A very good way to start a feud.

About the only review of a new zine, of the 'Honest' type, that I have seen was a review of BINARY in which the author knocked Harry Riley and his zine. No matter how good or poor this article was, the timing was horrible because Harry Riley ((the publisher)) had died just before that from a brain hemorrhage. The editor of the magazine then apologized in the next issue for running that article saying that at least Harry had never read the article. Had Harry lived through his ordeal and as recovering read this article I doubt that it would have aided his recovery at all. It is a totally subjective sort of thing anyway you read a zine and hate it, I read it and love it. Since it is traditional for zines to give away samples for a stamp or two each member of the Diplomacy community can receive a copy, if he is interested, and decide for himself if he enjoys the material or not.

Diplomacy World has had more 'Honest Reviews' than any other zine I have ever seen. It has been knocked by a few zines over and over again. Heck, even if I was a firm believer of these articles I would have to get a sample just to see what the fuss was over. One zine after knocking Diplomacy World complained that in Walt's listing of openings he had left theirs out, this shows the uniting effect that this zine has and its importance. To my way of thinking, it is a sign of class that Diplomacy World does not feel that it is desirable to knock those zines in return and start a feud.

To sum up I feel that you should always be honest in your reviews and if you feel a zine is not up to par you can simply remain silent about that zine. An exception is after you have published a favorable review of a zine and that zine has gone sour, in that case I would think it is your obligation to pass on the news to your readers. I would think this would apply in cases where the zine was failing to appear with any regularity or lack of interest had reduced the zine from a good one to a sloppy thrown-together job. A minor change such as turning from a press writers' zine to a zine with many articles could be reported or not as a news item. The knocking of another zine without good reason does the hobby no good, in this hobby we are all able to make up our own minds on the merits of a

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zine if we are given a sample copy. One bit of advice is never subscribe to a zine without asking for a sample. I have done this a few times on recommendations and in a few cases I did not like the zine, thereby wasting the editors time in sending me the zine and my own money. The only one who gains in such a transaction is the post office. #end#
 ((Send any comments you may have to Francis McIlvaine, 144 Sackett Rd., Apt. 6, Avon, NY 14414
 Impassable welcomes article-length rebuttals or expansion of material printed in Frankly Speaking...--Ed.))

DIPPYWORLD, CONT.

But, I am occupied by my wife's distress! Since last night our baby has been ready for birth...."

A Crying was heard from behind the door. Sounds of people rushing around inside the room was heard followed by the final opening of the door, a head peaked out and said,

"Sire, the boy is come. You come see him now." The Master of the Hold and of all Hoosier rushed through, leaving Saramora in the hall alone.

At the bedside of his wife, Walt saw the baby boy. "Another one, my dear witch!" Walt was teasing.

"What do you make of him, my Lord?" Asked the Witch Carol of Hoosier. "He's a big one, what name have you thought of for my son?"

"He's your son, why don't you name him?"

"What of John Douglas Buchanan?" Walt was thinking. "Yes, that sounds right!" And so, the second heir to Hoosier was born and named.

Outside the door, Saramora Raucamora was able to follow along when he suddenly felt something tickle his legs. He jumped to awareness and turned to see. It was Prince William. Prince William loved to sneak up and he had caught the venerable Raucamora offguard! This Saramora knew and wondered how the boy was able to do it. The wife is a witch and one with reputation--perhaps this boy has some of the power? Raucamora turned in time to meet Walt at the door. "My regrets for my behavior, Mike (some of his friends called him that for his moniker), but my second son has just been born. Say, there's Prince William!" William clambored over to his father's side while his father gave instructions to one of the servants to show the guest to his bedchamber. Arrangements were made for a meeting in the library section of the vast Hoosier Archives for important business had to be conducted. Plans were going to be hatched between two old friends which would have a heavy hand on the future of Dippyworld! --to be continued.

Join the I.D.A. Send \$2 to Walt Buchanan, R.R. #3, Lebanon, IN 46052.

AUTOBIOGRAPHIES

I bet some of you were beginning to think I'd let you off the hook? Tough luck! Here I am again, continuing the blackmailing and exposing all of your sordid thoughts and impure souls to the ghouls of dippydom....

1975AF:

W. Robert Johnson--none submitted. (You're given one month to supply a biography or else I'll send my goons on you....) Next!

Gary Carlton--

Personal statistics first: I am 25 years old, spent $5\frac{1}{2}$ years, more or less enjoyable years, at Washington State University, emerging finally with BA's in Mathematics and Foreign Language (German). I lived in Munich, Germany for several months attending a language class, and subsequently travelled throughout southern Europe. My interest in the German people and their language will probably direct me overseas again sometime in the future.

Presently, however, I am comfortably settled in beautiful northern Idaho and working for the Forest Service. A new-found Idahoian friend has rekindled in me an old gaming enthusiasm reaching back to marathon Monopoly weekends, Tactics II and so forth. Through him I have also become involved with SPI and play a few of the multitude of games they publish.

Other possibly less exotic interests include piano (tending toward classical) and snow skiing.

This will be my first experience with postal gaming and, as an utter neophyte, I am only hoping for the best.

James A. Carson--

I am 24 years old. I made it through 14 years of the American Educational Scene. After that, I decided to check out the Coast Guard for 4 years. I have 1 year left in the CG before I retire to a life of sailing and surfing.

Dennis W. Goldston--I am 28 and a Captain in the AirForce. Virtually inexperienced in Diplomacy having entered one game in a mag that is folding (CIMMERIA) and having just
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NADPS^{*} I RESULTS

PART THREE

By Lew Pulsipher

	A	B	C	D	-	(No. AM.)	A	B	C	D	-	(Eur.)
4-	34	50	30	41	3		9	8	7	3	-	
5-	54	33	36	26	9		5	12	5	4	2	
6-	29	40	38	42	6		7	6	9	4	1	
7-	13	3	50	90	7		1	1	10	10	4	
7E-	-	-	-	-	-		2	1	7½	16½	-	
8-	95	54	2	3	-		20½	4½	4	-	-	
10-	10	36	42	52	16		3	4	12	7	1	
11-	30	34	31	54	8		7	10	3	7	-	
12-	46	55	31	19	6		2	8	11	4	2	
13-	35	62	25	29	5		8	12	2	5	-	
14-	62	59	20	6	9		8	13	5	1	-	

For question 9 I chose highest agreement if A or B, otherwise I tallied no limit along with not concerned, depends on individual, etc. 6 game limit-49 ((4)), 10 games-28 ((8½)), 20 games-27 ((4½)), no-47 ((10)).

When did you start playing in person: over 1 year before began postal play--67 ((11)), less than 1 yr before-49 ((10)), less than 1 yr after-15 ((3)), over 1 yr after-8 ((2)), haven't-22 ((2)).

Married--96 no ((20)), 54 yes ((7)).

Know who BNC is--116 yes ((10 for NA, 12 for Britain)). MNC? 63 for NA ((4)).

Alliance strengths, 1 weakest to 5 strongest (NA avg., NA standard deviation, European avg.)

R-T	4.29	.98	4.63	A-T	3.11	1.17	3.19	I-T	2.49	.99	2.56
E-F	4.15	.92	3.55	E-R	2.94	1.10	2.85	F-I	2.40	.98	2.55
E-G	3.72	.93	3.37	G-R	2.72	.95	2.74	G-I	2.18	.99	1.66
F-G	3.49	1.07	3.81	I-R	2.65	1.27	3.8	E-I	1.99	.95	1.66
A-R	3.36	1.05	2.90	F-R	2.49	1.15	2.48	E-T	1.98	1.14	1.93
A-I	3.29	1.14	2.96	Avg. of avgs. 2.95 ((2.87)); of sd's 1.05.							

Country preferences and country strength ranking: I gave 7 points for a first, 6 for a second, etc.

	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	avg.	sd	(Brit. comp.)
Austria	13	7	13	16	19	38	33	3.08	1.92	2.32
England	39	33	25	14	16	7	6	5.16	1.70	4.48
France	26	26	22	31	19	8	7	4.69	1.72	5.32
Germany	15	11	14	17	28	29	24	3.44	1.93	3.40
Italy	8	13	8	12	22	33	47	2.80	1.88	2.60
Russia	21	25	27	31	13	12	11	4.50	1.78	4.92
Turkey	18	25	30	19	21	12	13	4.36	1.83	4.96

	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	avg.	sd	(Brit. comp.)
Austria	0	1	0	2	7	8	7	2.32		
England	2	5	7	6	1	2	2	4.48		
France	9	4	6	1	3	1	1	5.32		
Germany	5	0	2	3	4	5	6	3.40		
Italy	1	1	1	2	6	7	7	2.60		
Russia	3	8	5	5	2	1	1	4.92		
Turkey	5	6	4	6	2	1	1	4.96		

	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	avg.	sd	(Brit Compar)
Austria	0	1	7	17	18	50	39	2.29	1.21	1.74
England	40	37	26	16	8	2	0	5.61	1.29	4.78
France	12	24	32	39	17	5	1	4.66	1.32	5.65
Germany	8	8	6	23	36	32	20	3.14	1.64	3.17
Italy	2	1	1	6	18	36	69	1.83	1.18	2.00
Russia	39	26	29	10	13	4	2	5.39	1.54	5.52
Turkey	28	36	29	18	21	2	0	5.19	1.31	5.13

(to be continued...)

AUTOBIOGRAPHIES, CONT.

entered one other game in Claw & Fang. My only other experience is as a standby player for Claw & Fang. I feel well qualified for a newblood game. I got into the hobby through Avalon-Hill games, and then being exposed to Diplomacy by a friend(?)

Charles Morphy--

RE my biography, I am single, 25, USPS employee (all jokes allowed) ((IS THAT RIGHT?)) an egotistical games player (first Europe, then the world!), a has-been athlete who still "plays" golf, a connoisseur of good music, good liquor, and wild women, and a novice author and photographer on permanent leave from college.

Now that you know how crazy I am, you can easily see why I love Diplomacy. ((Us publishers are one step higher in the ranks of "craziness"....))

Paul Bettencourt--

Age--17, Education--Junior High School, Interests--sports, sciences, wargames.

I got started in Diplomacy when two of my friends brought the game over to play. Both had experience in Diplomacy and naturally I was the swing man in the 3-player game. I caught on well and beat them both. I found a Diplomacy game for \$3.00 and bought it. It contained a list of Diplomacy publishers so I wrote off and got into this magazine. I have played in other mail leagues: APBA, and Avalon Hill.

Buz Eddy:

Age 420 months. Education?--Well, I've got a piece of paper that says B.A. accounting and another that says CPA, but whether or not there was any "education" associated therewith is debatable. Other interests include, chess (state tournament director for 10 years); bowling, (160) ((shrug)); strip poker (a game with no losers), backpacking, tennis, etc.--I got into Diplomacy because my backpacking buddy Doug Beyerlein dragged me, kicking and screaming, into a few over-the-board games. I entered postal through his long since forgotten EFGIART. I got out of postal because what passes for brilliant clever diplomacy face-to-face, looks like unadulterated bullshit on paper. I got back in because I lack common sense. ((Welcome aboard the Bohomme Richard....))

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Sometime in the near future I will print the few I have of the Eleventh Novice Game--any player who hasn't wittily exposed his inner feelings on paper, better hurry up! Gee, wasn't all that greatly (deleted) stuff?

AHEM, SOME MORE BAD JOKES

from John Kador
(who else?????)

A dippy veteran of some reputation was teaching his little brother the complexities of the game. Suddenly the little tyke (as little tykes are wont to do) asked, "Suppose you're playing Austria and an Italian-Turkish alliance is giving you trouble. What do you do?"

"I'd try to talk Russia into taking Turkey off my back," the veteran replied.

"What if Russia was too busy fighting with England to help you?"

"I'd attempt to form an alliance with France to neutralize Italy."

"What if France and Italy had an unshakable non-aggression pact?"

"I'd sell my soul to Germany if she would give my units support."

"What if Germany wouldn't talk to you?"

"Id call my friend, Bernie."

"Bernie?!: What could he do?"

"Nothing. He just likes to watch Austria get creamed off the board."

((Ahem, did I really print that? Sigh.))

AN HONEST REVIEW!

Today, kiddies, we are going to review a big-time publisher, Johann Bach. He puts out, rather, he forces out, a gamezine (he thinks) called, Impossible.

Yesterday, I received my first issue in our trade. The date of the gamezine is May 13th, 1972. The copying method is somewhat indescribable, but it makes Herb Barent's BOAST look beautiful, know what I mean? But first, you gotta take out the 5, yes 5, big $\frac{1}{2}$ inch staples. I tore off two of my fingernails.

Nevertheless, once you are able to open the magazine up, you can read the material (with strong light, of course). The typing is poor, the ink is always faint, the words are misspelled, the syntax is horrible (it ain't even proper English!), and the jokes are the worse in the world.

Nevertheless, there is some merit to the gamezine for the stamps are those of that mythical Kingdom of Powderkagg. It is a rare pleasure indeed to collect their stamps. Sub rate is quite reasonable at 2 issues for \$5.00. It comes out, I would say, bi-annually, but then how many zines offer a full, two-year sub for \$5.00???? The address is: Box 13, Erewhon Rd., Powderkagg. Rated I for impossible reading.....

This just so happens to be page 12!

SPAIN, PART FOUR, The
Monarchists and the Republicans,
or, Whatever Happened to them
Democrats?

The Napoleonic invasion helped bring on the wars of independence in Latin America which had by 1825 stripped Spain of most of its empire (with Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the Phillipines to be lost later in the Spanish-American War). In Spain itself conservatives and liberals struggled endlessly. Ferdinand's changing of the law of succession in favor of his daughter, Isabella II, brought on the first uprising of the Carlists (1836-39). Reactionary monarchists, constitutional monarchists, and republicans vied for power. Isabella had to abdicate (1868), as did her successor, Amadeus (1873). A brief republic (1873-74) was torn by new wars. In 1876 Alfonso XII was put on the throne; he was succeeded in 1885 by Alfonso XIII, who kept Spain neutral in World War I, supported the Primo De Rivera, dictatorship (1923-30); was deposed 1931, when republic was established. Election of a radical coalition in 1936 precipitated military uprising. The bloody civil war was won by Insurgents in 1939, and Franco set up a corporate state. Fascistic Spain sympathized with the Axis in World War II, though legally neutral. Drawn into the Western alliance in 1953, when U.S. agreed to military and economic aid in return for installation of air and naval bases, Spain was admitted to the UN in 1955. In 1958 Spain ceded its former protectorate of Spanish Morocco to new kingdom of Morocco, but the status of Ifni and Spanish Sahara remained in dispute. The 1947 law of succession

declared Spain a monarchy, with Franco as head of state pending the choice of a king. No attempt had been made to restore the Bourbons as of 1973. The End.

BRIEF EDITORIALIZING....

A few ideas are swimming in the back of my head these days which can only mean that I'm back on the ball.....projects which I'm trying to work into the tight schedule:

A. A poll of Impassable readers on the features and desires of the players and readers for specific type of articles and space fillers.....

B. Trying to work up a Science Fiction variant of Diplomacy, but this is down the list....

C. Wondering if I should put out my own handbook made up of the best (??) from Impassable.....

D. Figuring out where The Glory Road's future lies in wargaming--whether I should attempt a full scale Civil War on two levels, or stick with single battles such as the currently running Bull Run. Any Civil wargame fans out there, please contact me!

E. There's the variant by Lew Pulsipher which I'm trying to decide how to print: a single page or 4-page job? Embellishments or just as drawn by Lew? ((Lew?)) More players should be exposed to variants.....

F. The Calhamer Awards--got a few ideas on how to wrap this one up quickly....

G. Trying to figure if I am stupid enough to spend \$1,000 for a thermofax machine--if I do get a used one or a new one (oh my God!) you can bet the format will change!

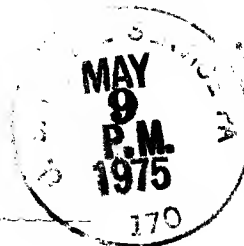
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